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PEORIA PARK DISTRICT

2218 N. Prospect

Peoria, IL 61614

PH: 688-3667

PARKS

1. **GLEN OAK PARK:** 107.6 acres • zoo • conservatory • amphitheatre • pavilion • lagoon • baseball diamonds • tennis courts • shuffleboard courts • amusement center • picnic and playground areas • bike trail
2. **BRADLEY PARK:** 139.75 acres • shelter picnic and playground areas • ball fields • tennis courts • shuffleboard courts • horseshoe courts • tent theatre
3. **DETWEILLER PARK:** 760 acres • scenic drives and hiking trails • picnic and playground areas • shelter • archery range • practice golf • model airplane area
4. **TREWYN PARK:** 14.62 acres • pavilion • picnic and playground areas • spray pool • ball field
5. **GRAND VIEW DRIVE PARKS:** 238.2 acres • chain of wooded parks bordering scenic drive overlooking Illinois River • picnic and playground area • ball field • open air pavilion
6. **ROBINSON PARK:** 629.35 acres • naturalistic park • rugged hiking trails • picnic areas • shelter
7. **FOREST PARK:** 802 acres • wildlife preserve • interpretive nature center • nature trails
8. **LAKEVIEW PARK:** 38 acres • swimming pool • skating rink • Arts and Sciences Center • planetarium • theatre • Girl Scout headquarters • Y.W.C.A. activity building • public library
9. **NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:** Carver, 2 acres • Creighton Woods, 20.66 acres • Endres, 10 acres • Iris, 38 acres • Morton Square, 2.73 acres • State Park, 3 acres • Logan, 3.28 acres • Giant Burr Oak

SPECIAL AREAS AND FACILITIES

10. **GOLF:** Three 18-hole courses — Madison, 166.2 acres • Northmoor, 143 acres • Newman, 163 acres. One 9-hole course — Detweiller, 93 acres. One 27-hole course — Kellogg, 204.7 acres. Pro shops • instruction

11. **SWIMMING:** One year-round facility — Central Park Pool. Four seasonal pools: Carver • Lakeview • Logan • Proctor Center.
12. **MARINAS:** Detweiller Marina and Playground, Inc. — boat launching ramp • slips • storage • dock services. Galena Marina — launching ramp
13. **ATHLETIC FIELDS:** Meinen Field — lighted baseball diamond. Logan — playfield • softball diamond. Proctor Center — lighted softball diamond • playground. Stadium — softball fields (four lighted) • soccer fields
14. **TENNIS:** Glen Oak Park — 6 asphalt courts; 7 rubico courts. Bradley Park — 6 rubico courts. Central Park — 4 all-weather courts. Proctor Center — 2 all-weather courts.
15. **ICE SKATING:** Two artificial rinks — Logan (enclosed) and Lakeview. Natural areas in Glen Oak and Bradley parks
16. **SKI SLOPE:** Aspen Hills — 126.08 acres • 3 runs • rope tow • sledding
17. **SLEDDING:** Glen Oak, Bradley, Detweiller and Trewyn parks • Aspen Hills
18. **HORSESHOE:** 16 lighted courts in Bradley Park
19. **SHUFFLEBOARD:** 4 lighted courts — Bradley Park. 4 lighted courts — Glen Oak Park
20. **ARCHERY:** Range in Detweiller Park

CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL

21. **LAKEVIEW CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCES:** Lakeview Park — art galleries • museum • planetarium • auditorium • meeting and classrooms • telephone 685-4028
22. **FOREST PARK NATURE CENTER:** exhibits • lecture room • guided tours • telephone 688-6413
23. **GLEN OAK CONSERVATORY:** seasonal flower shows — chrysanthemum • poinsettia • Easter lily • rose garden • telephone 685-4321

24. **GLEN OAK ZOO:** 400 specimens — 118 species
• small animal contact area • birthday center
• telephone 682-2534
25. **THEATRES:** Amphitheatre in Glen Oak Park — summer band concerts and special outdoor programs • Corn Stock tent theatre in upper Bradley Park — summer season • telephone 676-2196. Peoria Players Community Theatre in Lakeview Park — winter season • telephone 688-4473
26. **OBSERVATORY:** Northmoor Golf Course — 9-inch refractor telescope

COMMUNITY CENTERS

27. **PROCTOR RECREATION CENTER:** library/ study center • pre-school nursery • meeting rooms • auditorium • gymnasiums • membership program of activities for all ages
28. **GLEN OAK PARK PAVILION:** administrative offices • meeting room • classroom • activity areas
29. **TREWYN PARK PAVILION:** meeting space • activity areas
30. **SENIOR CITIZENS:** Five clubs sponsored by Peoria Park District — Glen Oak • Pennsylvania Terrace • Sterling Towers • Proctor Recreation Center • Trewyn.

Drop-in Center at Lakeview Y.W.C.A. Special Trips throughout the year.

PROGRAMS

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

ACTION CENTERS: Neighborhood Centers where people and Art meet and learn.

DAY CAMPING: outdoor recreation and nature education.

DANCE: Summer workshop • invitational dance and drill troupe.

DRAMATICS: Class instruction • play production • traveling theatre.

MUSIC: Band and orchestra instruction at intermediate and senior levels • traveling choral troupe.

SPORTS INSTRUCTION: Swimming • baseball • softball • canoeing • golf • tennis • archery • track and field.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LEAGUES: Youth and adults • area and state tournaments

SWIM MEETS • GOLF TOURNAMENTS • TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

WINTER ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL RECREATION: Sports activity program for boys and girls at elementary schools

LIGHTED SCHOOL PROGRAMS: Neighborhood-based activity programs planned for all members of the family

BASKETBALL: Adult leagues for men of varied abilities • games played at school gymnasiums • fundamentals and league play for grade school age

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: League and tournament play

SPORTS INSTRUCTION :Ice skating from beginning to expert level • hockey instruction and league play

SWIMMING: Lessons for all ages • recreational and competitive swimming • Central Park Pool

DANCE: Children's classes in ballet, tap, and modern jazz • Dance Workshop • teacher training • adult classes

DRAMATICS: After-school classes • children's matinee theatre series • winter production

TOWER PARK

N. Prospect Road
Peoria Heights, Illinois

31. OBSERVATION TOWER: outside glass enclosed elevator — three decks-682-8732 for ticket information • Geriatric Mini Park • Kiddie Park

32. ANTIQUE TOY MUSEUM: Peoria Heights City Hall Basement

WILDLIFE PRAIRIE PARK:

RR No. 1, Taylor Road, Hanna City, Illinois
676-3968 (under construction)

33. 1000 acres with 500 acres developed as a natural prairie. The major park area is a North American Prairie. All animals reside in their natural habitat.

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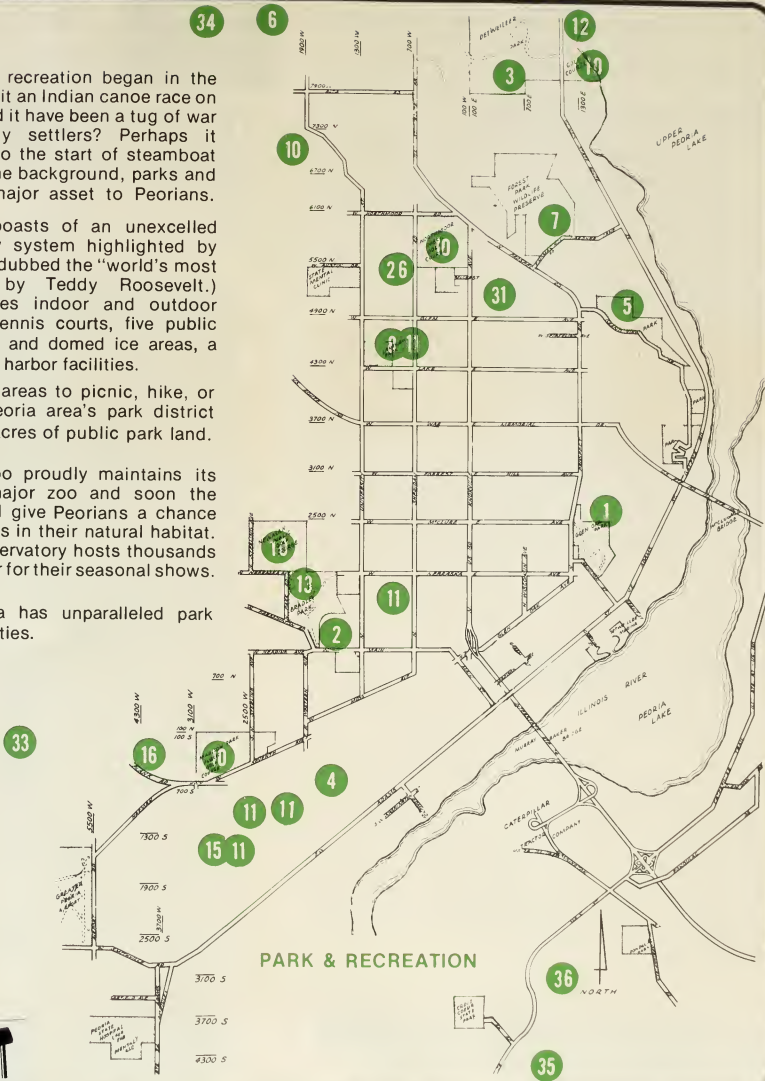
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Museum: mineral specimens, strip mining, bird and plant life exhibits, Indian artifacts, meeting and class rooms.

JUBILEE COLLEGE STATE PARK

34. Jubilee College, a state memorial, is located in Peoria County, north of U.S. Route 150 about 15 miles northwest of Peoria. The beautiful old chapel is surrounded by pleasant shaded picnic grounds and a shelter. There are limited camping facilities.

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: 347-4181

35. 2000 acres • 10 parks

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Indoor ice arena • natural mineral spring water swimming pool • 2 18-hole golf courses • indoor and outdoor tennis courts • lagoon with paddle boats • horseback riding • fishing • archery • model airplane field • lighted softball diamond • 6 miles of hiking trails • abundant wildlife • day camp

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FONDULAC PARK DISTRICT

201 Bloomington Road
East Peoria, IL 61611
Phone: 699-3923

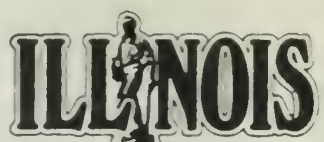
36. 1800 acres • 10 parks • boat marina.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Children's Farm Park • Indoor Rifle Range • 2 boat launching ramps and slips • shuffleboard and bocce ball courts • baseball diamonds • archery range • sledding hill • tennis and swimming • horse shoe • fishing • 2-mile scenic drive • shelters • meeting rooms • planned Leisurely Park for the handicapped and aged.



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